## INTERAGENCY PERCHLORATE STEERING COMMITTEE

## FORUMS ON PERCHLORATE TO BE HELD AUGUST 25, 1998 & AUGUST 27, 1998

The Interagency Perchlorate Steering Committee (IPSC) will be holding two one-day forums for stakeholders: Tuesday, August 25, 1998 in Salt Lake City and Magna, Utah and Thursday, August 27, 1998 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The IPSC is a working partnership of governmental agencies chartered to facilitate and coordinate issues related to potential perchlorate contamination in the environment. The members of the IPSC as of July 1998 are: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Defense, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences, the California Department of Health Services, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, the Utah Department of Health Laboratories, the Cocopah Indian Tribe, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe, the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, and the Quechan Indian Tribe.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the forums is to disseminate information on the key scientific issues, to identify additional issues, and to hear stakeholder concerns related to perchlorate. The forums will cover a broad range of topics including:

- background and occurrence,
- health effects and toxicology studies,
- analytical techniques,
- ecological impacts,
- regulatory and policy issues, and
- future stakeholder involvement.

Background materials on perchlorate issues will be sent in advance of the forum to those who register with the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline by August 17, 1998. The IPSC is seeking input from State and Tribal drinking water programs, the regulated community (public water systems), public health organizations, academia, environmental and public interest groups, engineering firms, and the public on a number of issues related to perchlorate contamination in the environment.

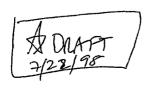
## The IPSC encourages the full participation of stakeholders at the forums.

DATES & LOCATION: The Utah forum will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 1998 in Salt Lake City from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (MT), with an evening public session in Magna from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (MT). The Arizona forum will be held in Phoenix on Thursday, August 27, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (MT).

**REGISTRATION:** To register for one of the forums, please contact the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline by calling 1-800-426-4791 or 703-285-1093 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EDT or by sending an e-mail message to: hotline-sdwa@epa.gov. There is no registration fee for the stakeholder forum, but participants should pre-register. Those registered by August 17, 1998, will receive a draft agenda, logistics information, and discussion papers prior to the forum. Please provide your name, organization, title, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address, and specify the date of the forum you will attend. The agenda for the forums is the same in both cities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on forum logistics, please contact the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

> A Federal Register notice of the stakeholder forums on perchlorate issues was published on or about July 24, 1998.



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